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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 11 and 13.


Identification of prior art discussed: Hagano et al.(5,992,670).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Regarding claim 1, Applicant contends that Hagano et al. does not disclose contact projections being in physical contact with the filler neck as claimed in the present invention. Regarding claim 13, in an effort to clarify the claim language and overcome a 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd rejection, Applicant distinguished an electrical contact from a physical contact as it relates to the top portion of a cap and the filler neck. Examiner respectively agreed and, in as much as all current actions are After-Final, further agreed to re-open prosecution upon receipt of a request for re-consideration from Applicant in light of the aforementioned information..